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PURPOSE

It is extremely important for alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities licensed by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) to adhere to staff requirements for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid certification (Title 9, California Code of Regulations [CCR], Chapter 5, Section 10572 (b) and (b)(1)). Noncompliance of the section referenced above is considered a Class A deficiency and will result in an immediate civil penalty of \$50 per day until the date documentation is postmarked/faxed to ADP which shows that appropriate staff have up-to-date valid CPR and first aid certificates.

DISCUSSION

Existing language in Title 9, CCR, Chapter 5, Section 10572(b) states:

During the provision of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment services as defined in Section 10501(a)(6) of this subchapter, there shall be at least one person in the facility who is capable of providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid, notwithstanding Section 10572(b)(1) of this subchapter. Individuals providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid shall be qualified by the American Red Cross or other recognized agencies.

Additionally, existing language in Title 9, CCR, Chapter 5, Section 10572(b)(1) states:

Facilities providing detoxification services shall ensure that at least one person is always on the premises who is capable of providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

From July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, ADP's Licensing and Certification Branch has issued 61 deficiencies for the noncompliance with CPR and first aid regulatory requirements. Investigations of two recent deaths of residents in licensed facilities revealed noncompliance with the above requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION

During the biennial compliance review or a complaint investigation, whenever an existing licensee is found to be in noncompliance with either Title 9, CCR, Chapter 5, Section 10572(b) or Section 10572(b)(1), a notice of deficiency will be issued for a Class A deficiency and a civil penalty of \$50 per day will immediately be assessed. The \$50

daily civil penalty will continue to accrue until the date documentation is postmarked to ADP which verifies that the appropriate staff have up-to-date valid CPR and first aid certificates.

Although current regulations define the provision of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment services as detoxification, group sessions, individual sessions, educational sessions, and/or alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment planning, licensees are strongly encouraged to have a staff person with current CPR and first aid certification at the facility at all times. Emergencies happen without warning and are not limited to during the provision of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment services.

REFERENCES

Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 (commencing with Section 10572)

HISTORY

Prior to this bulletin, noncompliance with this section was cited in one of two ways: A Class "A" deficiency was cited if the citation was to a facility licensed to provide detoxification services or a Class "B" deficiency was cited if no detoxification services were provided.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

The importance of meeting the regulatory requirements for CPR and first aid certificates cannot be emphasized enough. Please take the time to check your facility work schedules and staff records (for current and valid CPR and first aid certificates) to ensure a staff person who is CPR and first aid certified is on the licensed site during the provision of recovery/treatment services. This will not only avoid an immediate civil penalty assessment but will also assist in assuring that the individuals receiving recovery and treatment services in your licensed facilities are in a safe and healthful environment. If you have questions regarding CPR and first aid classes, contact your local Red Cross or other health service agencies to obtain the dates and times of the next training sessions.

Questions regarding this bulletin can be directed to your assigned analyst in the Licensing and Certification Branch or to the Officer of the Day at (916) 322-2911.

EXHIBITS

None.

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